Exploration in off-shore Viatuam

2798. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has undertaken the responsibility for exploration in off-shore Vietnam as part of a big economic package agreement concluded here during the recent visit of the Prime Minister of that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b). India and Vietnam have agreed to consider the possibility of co-operation for exploration of hydrocarbons by the ONGC in off-shore South Vietnam.

Conversion of petroleum gas into Energy

2799. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Japan an agreement was reached at for a 30 billion yen additional credit for converting petroleum gas in Assam into energy; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b). During the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Japan, the Japanese Government announced in the press additional credit of 30 billion Yen to India for setting up gas-based combined cycle Power Station at Kathalguri in Assam, along with the associated transmission lines. No formal agreement in this respect has been signed.

पैट्रोल और डीजल के मूल्यों का बढ़ाया जाना

2800. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री 25 नवम्बर, 1985 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 845 के दिये गय उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पैट्रोल और डीजल के मूल्य बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री नवल किशोर शर्मा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

LPG connection in Andhra Pradesh towns

2801. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the towns with 20,000 population or so in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are proposed to be given LPG connections within the next two years; and

(b) the number of LPG connections which are proposed to be given to each town?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Apart from continued release of new LPG connections in existing markets in Andhra Pradesh under the Oil Industry's annual customer enrolment programme, release of such connections in new markets will be determined by the commissioning of distributorships there. On the basis of economic viability, the oil inudustry proposes to set up distributorships in the following new markets in Andhra Pradesh under its Marketing Plan 1985-86:

1. Armur
2. Nandikotkur
3. Chintalpudi
4. Dhone
5. Kanigiri
6. Palvancha
7. Nagarkurnool